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REMARKS

With respect to items 1 and 2 of the Office Action mailed January 16, 2004, Applicants appreciate Examiner Spiegler's consideration of the Amendment. With respect to item 3, Applicants have amended claims 26, 34, 41, and 46 and have submitted amended paragraphs 0017 and 0019. The claim amendments were made to correct typographical errors and were not made to overcome prior art for reasons of novelty or obviousness. With respect to item 4, Applicants have cancelled claim 35 and 47. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, but have canceled the claims in order to expedite issuance.

Applicants agree with Examiner Spiegler's assessment and respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants would be necessary for placing this application in condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned agent by telephone at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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